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Figure 1: Biosynthetic scheme of carotenoids in tomato flowers

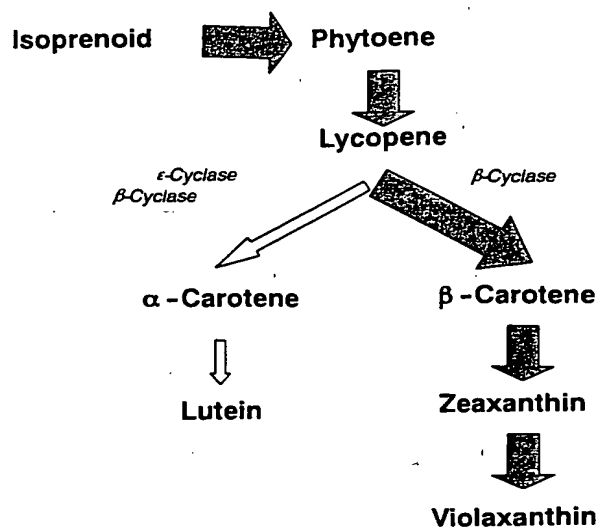
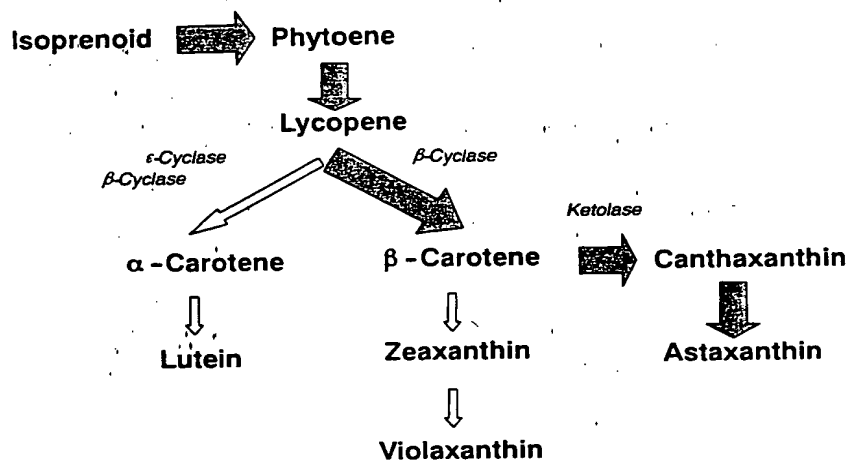


Figure 2: Biosynthetic scheme of Astaxanthin in genetically modified flowers



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Figure 3: Nucleotide sequence alignment

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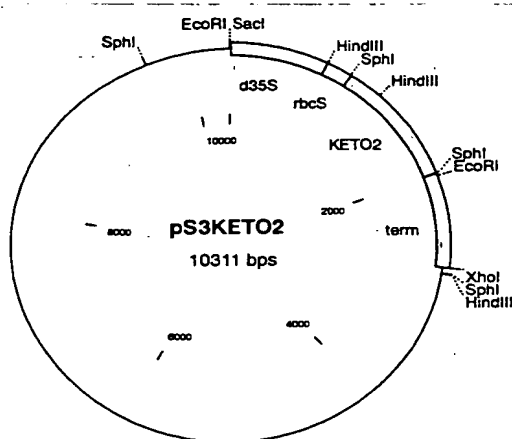
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Figure 4: Protein sequence alignment

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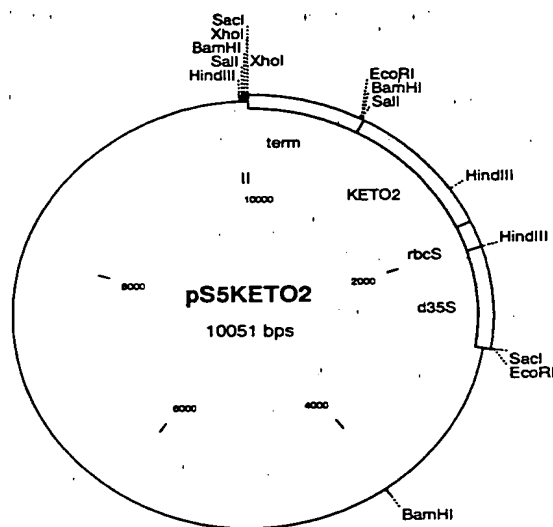
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Figure 5A: Construct for overexpressing the ketolase (β -C-4-oxygenase) protein from *H. pluvialis* with *rbcS* transit peptide from pea under the control of the d35S-promoter (tomato transformation construct)



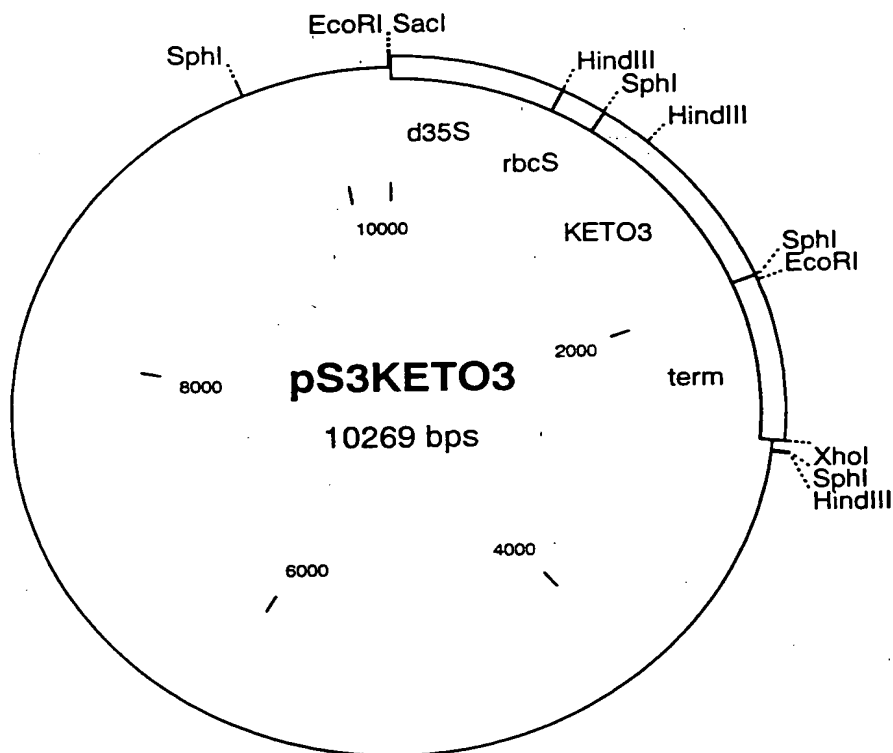
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Figure 5B: Construct for overexpressing the ketolase (β -C-4-oxygenase) protein from *H. pluvialis* with *rbcS* transit peptide from pea under the control of the d35S-promoter (Tagetes transformation construct)



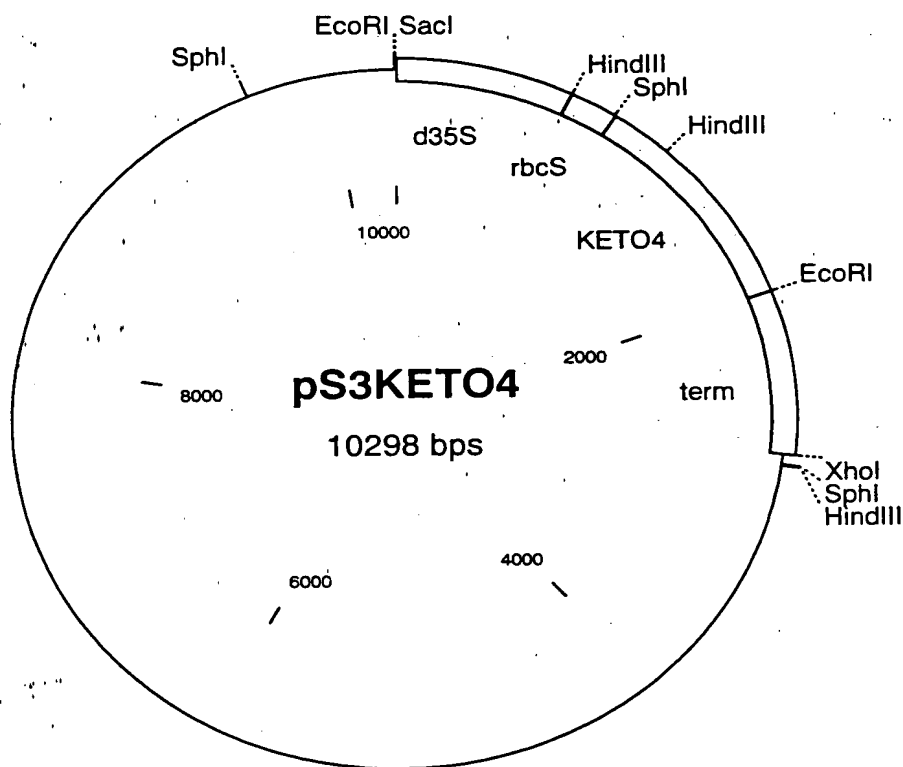
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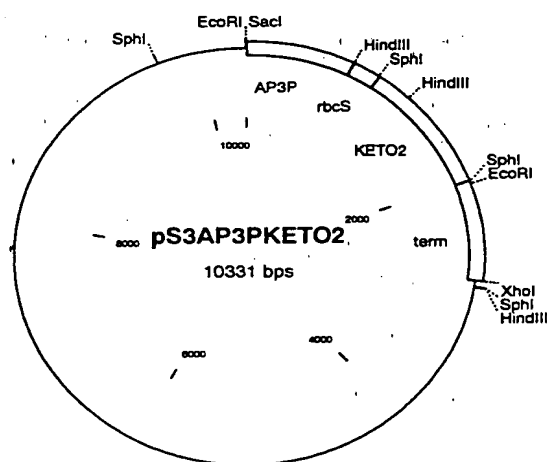
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Figure 7: Construct for overexpressing the ketolase (β -C-4-oxygenase) protein from *H. pluvialis* with rbcS transit peptide from pea and C-terminal myc tag under the control of the d35S promoter.



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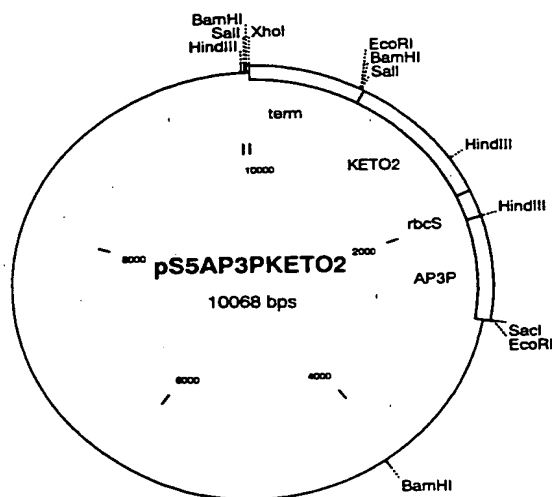
Figure 8A: Construct pS3AP3PKETO2 for overexpressing the ketolase (β -C-4-oxygenase) proteins from *H. pluvialis* with *rbcS* transit peptide from pea under the control of the AP3P promoter (tomato transformation construct).



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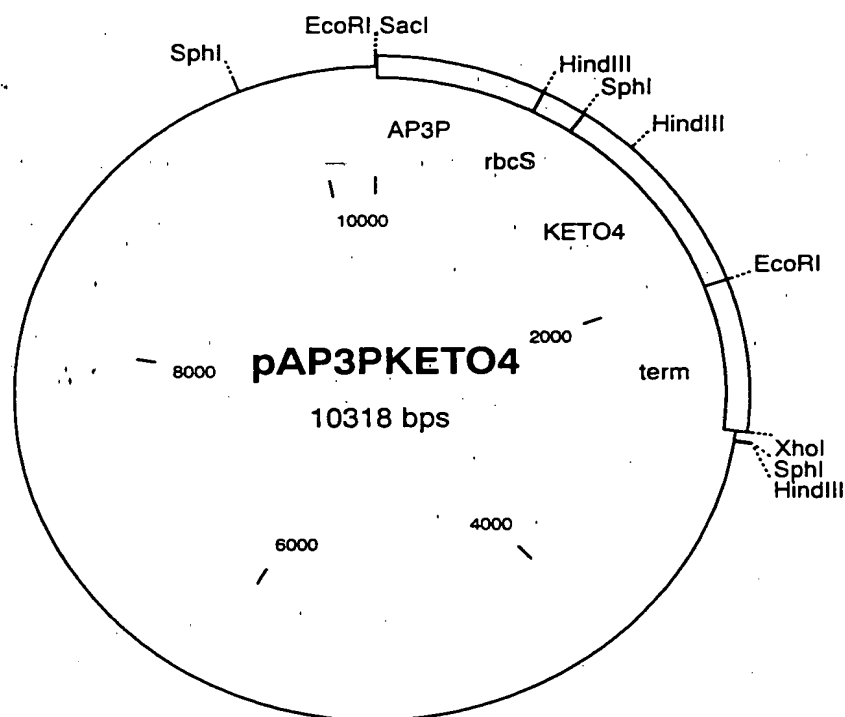
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Construct pS3AP3PKETO2 for overexpressing the ketolase (β -C-4-oxygenase) proteins from *H. pluvialis* with *rbcS* transit peptide from pea under the control of the AP3P promoter (Tagetes transformation construct).



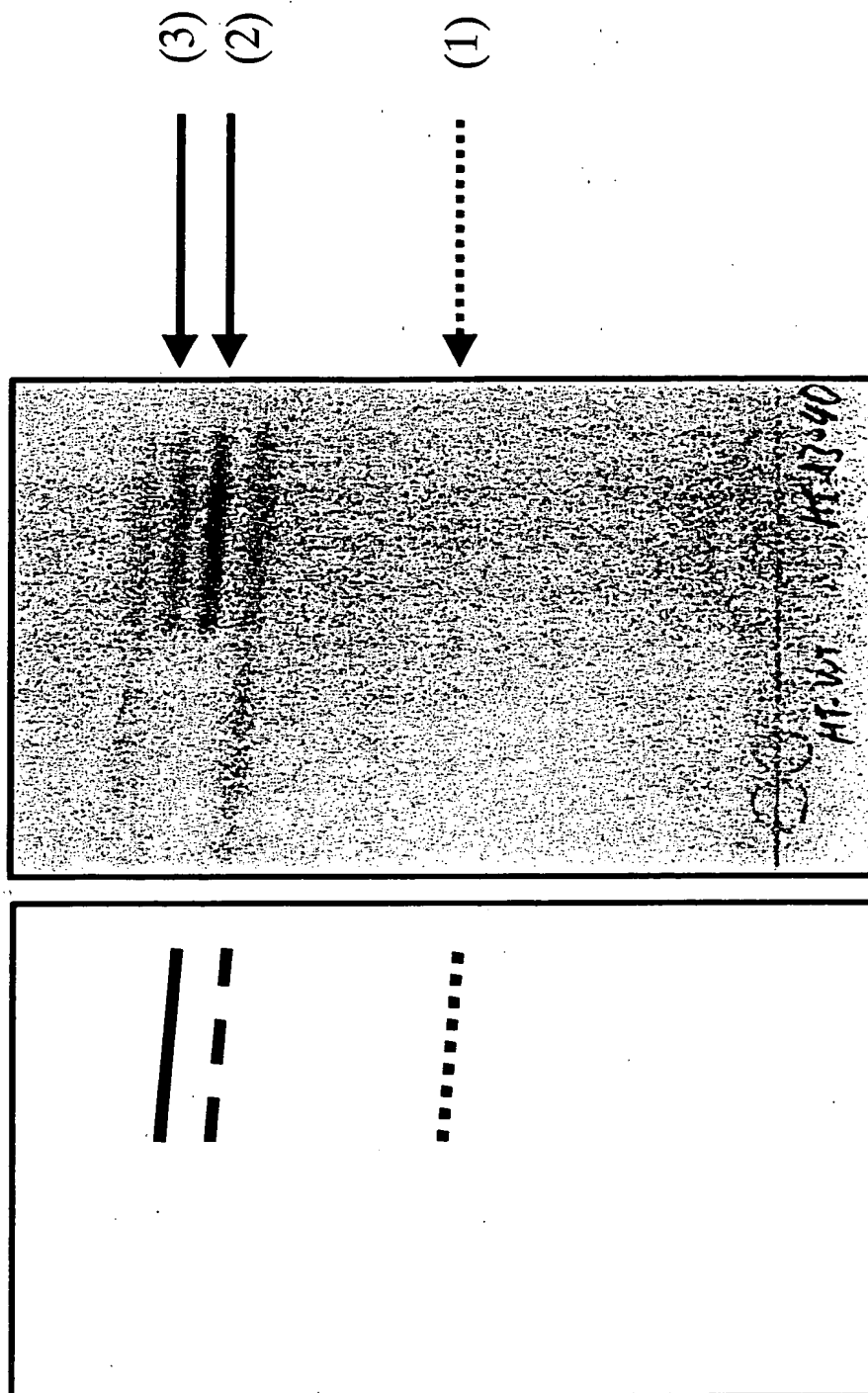
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Figure 9: Construct for overexpressing the ketolase (β -C-4-oxygenase) protein from *H. pluvialis* with rbcS transit peptide from pea and C-terminal myc tag under the control of the AP3P promoter.



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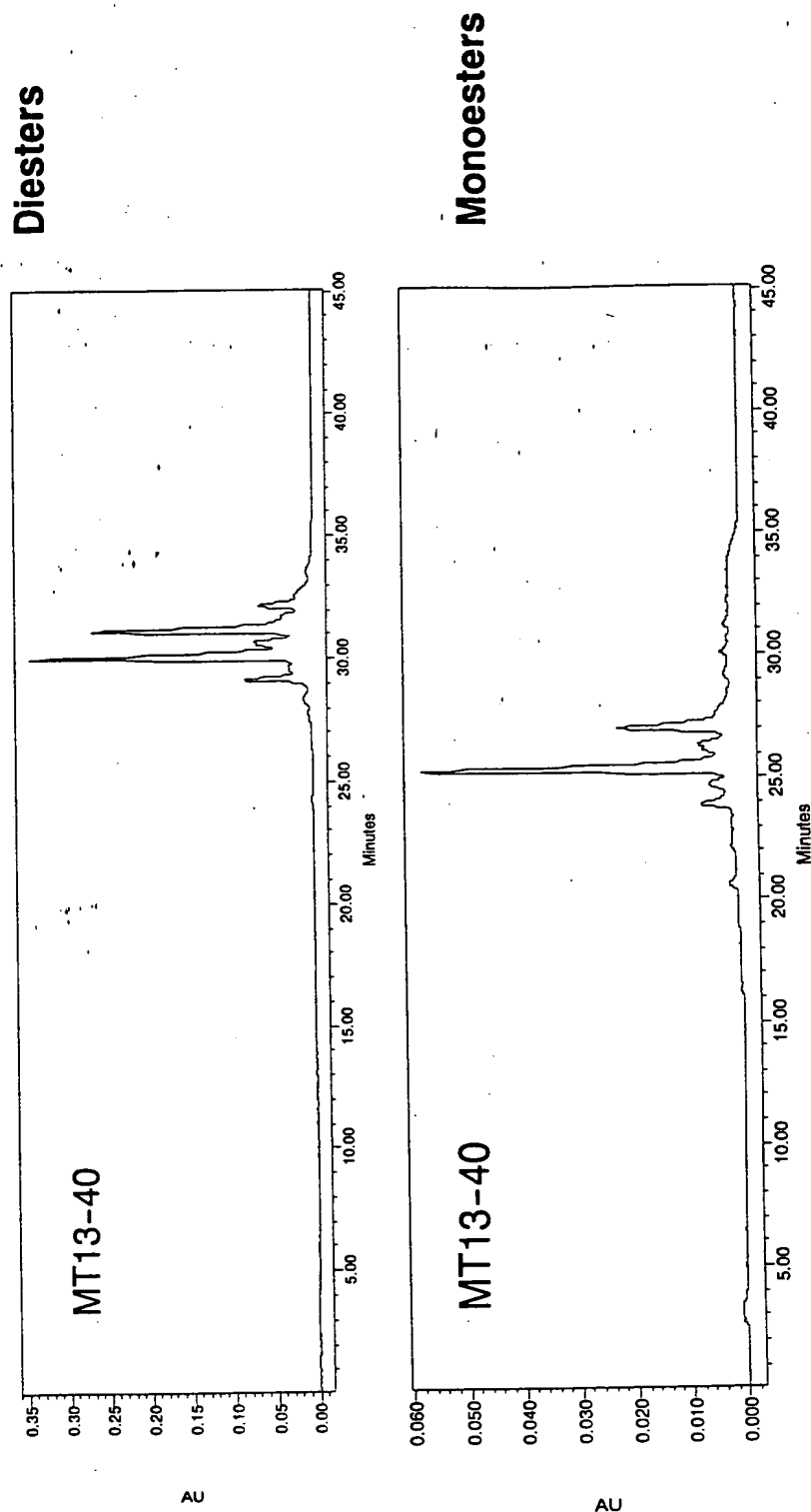
Figure 9a: Ester separation by means of thin-layer chromatography



Left: schematic representation; right: photograph of the thin-layer plate. (3) and (2) indicate ketocarotenoid diesters, (1) ketocarotenoid monoesters

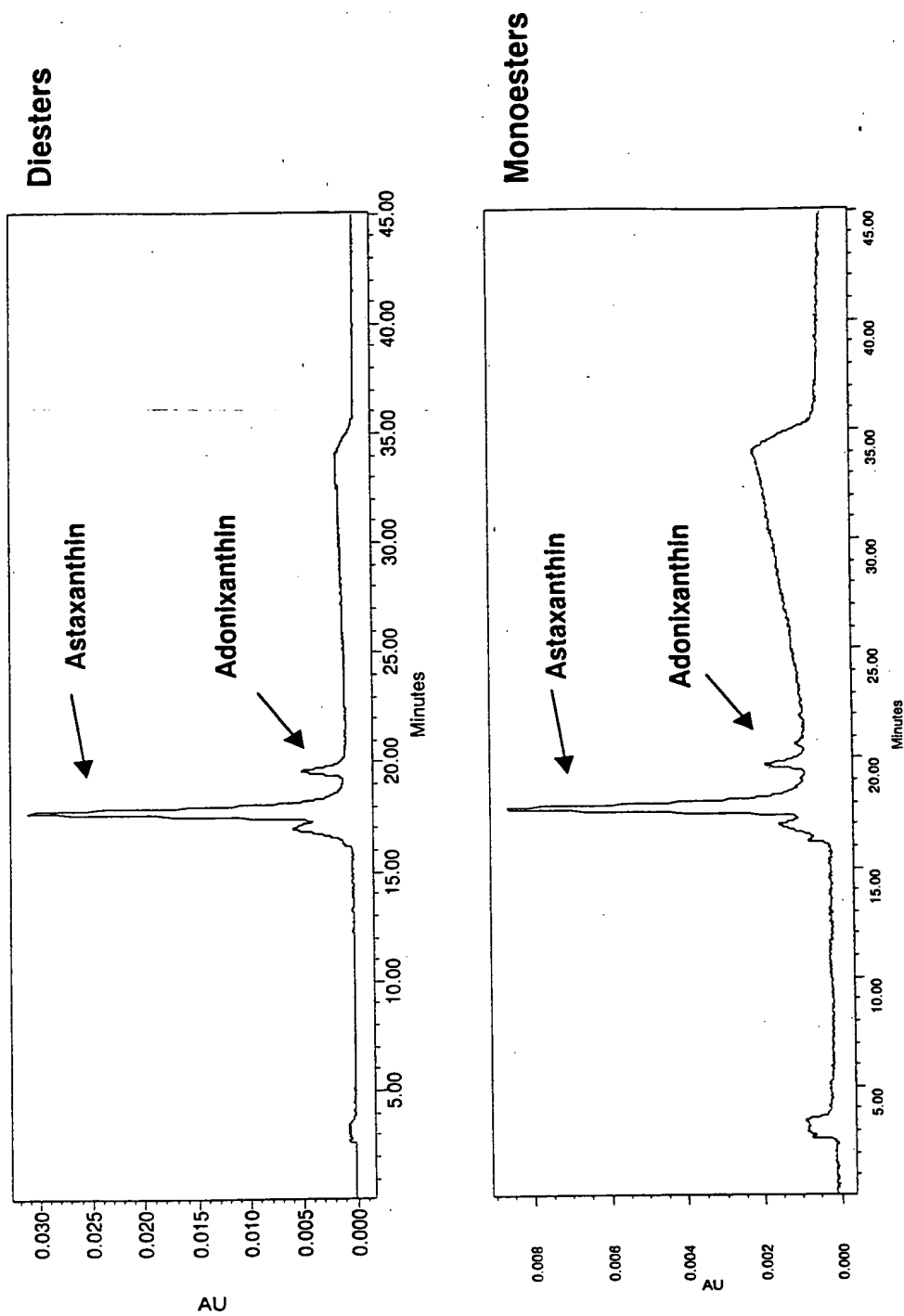
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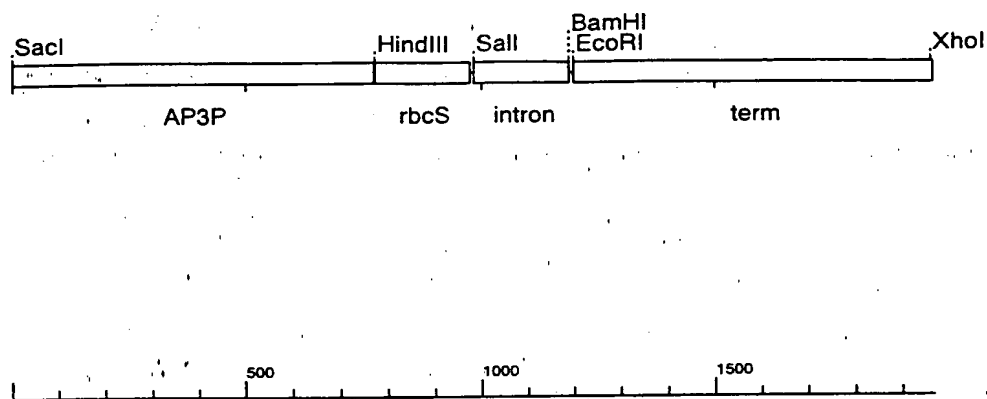
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Fig. 11



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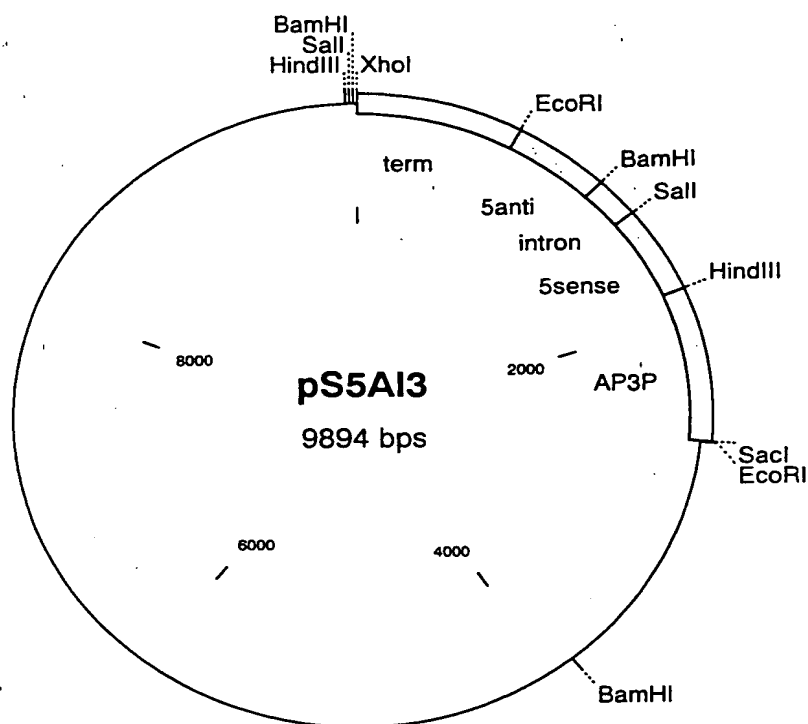
Figure 12: Cloning cassette for the preparation of inverted-repeat expression cassettes for the flower-specific expression of epsilon-cyclase dsRNAs in *Tagetes erecta*



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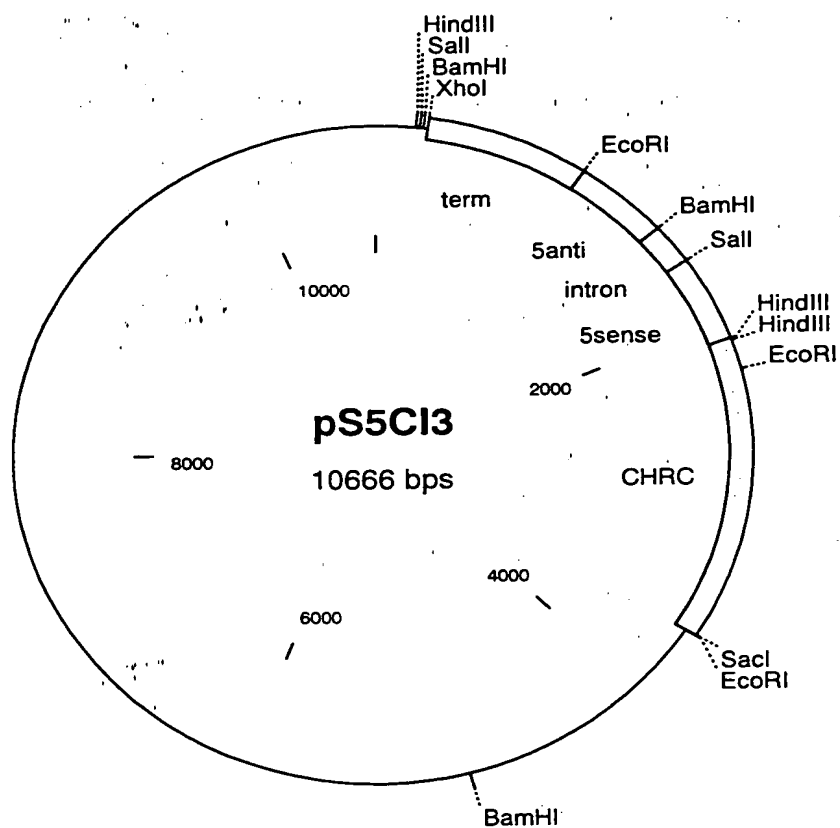
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Figure 13: Expression vector for the flower-specific production of dsRNA transcripts comprising 5'-terminal fragments of the epsilon-cyclase cDNA (AF251016) under the control of the AP3P promoter



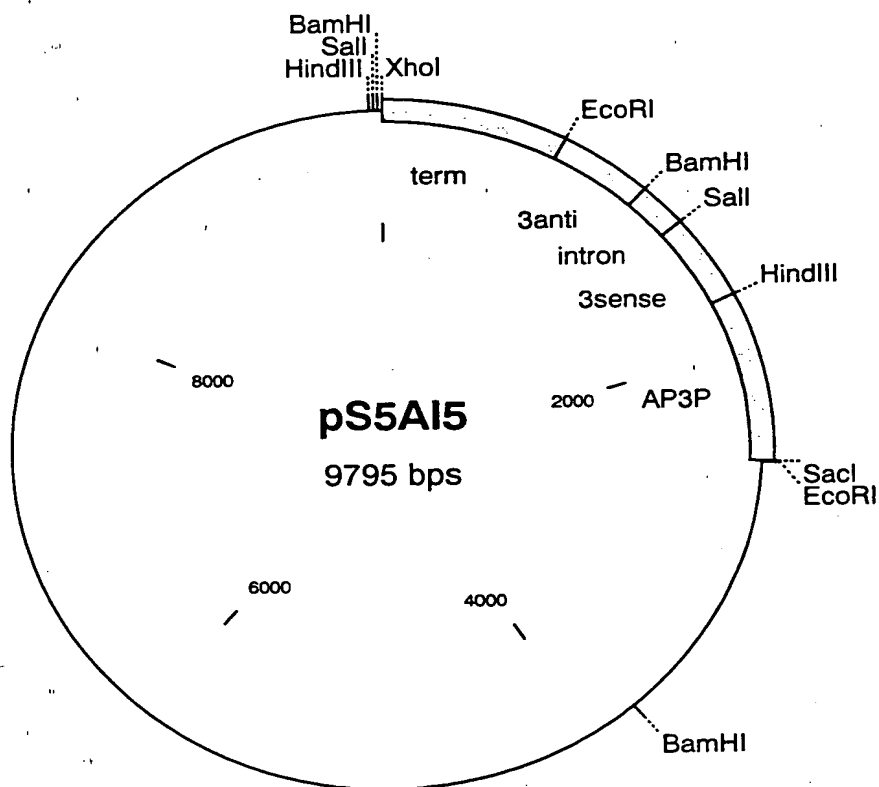
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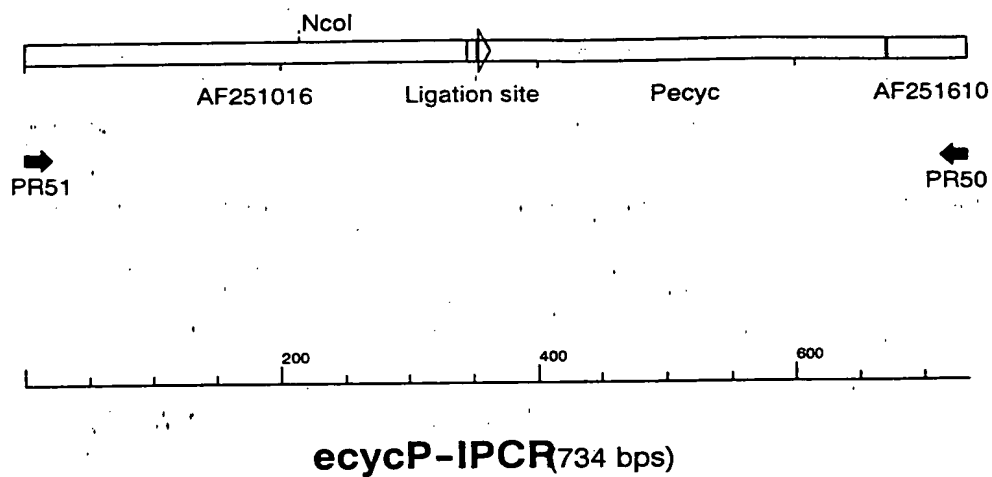
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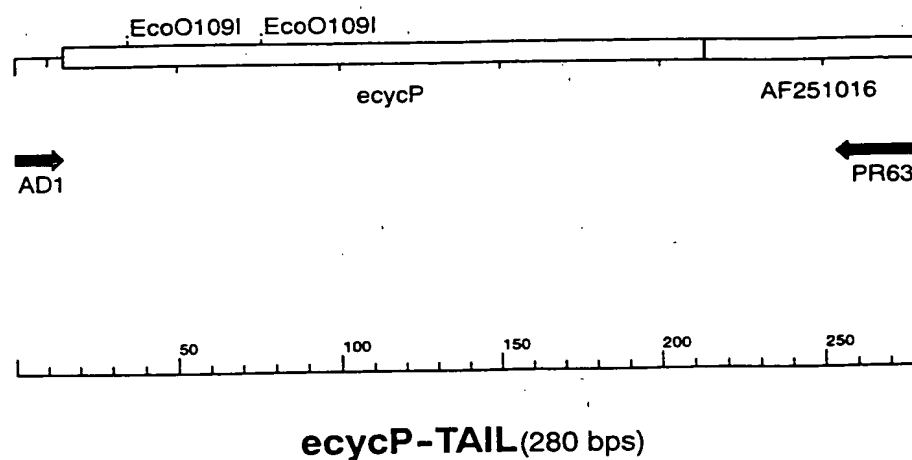
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Figure 16: Inverse PCR amplificate comprising the 312 bp fragment of the epsilon-cyclase promoter



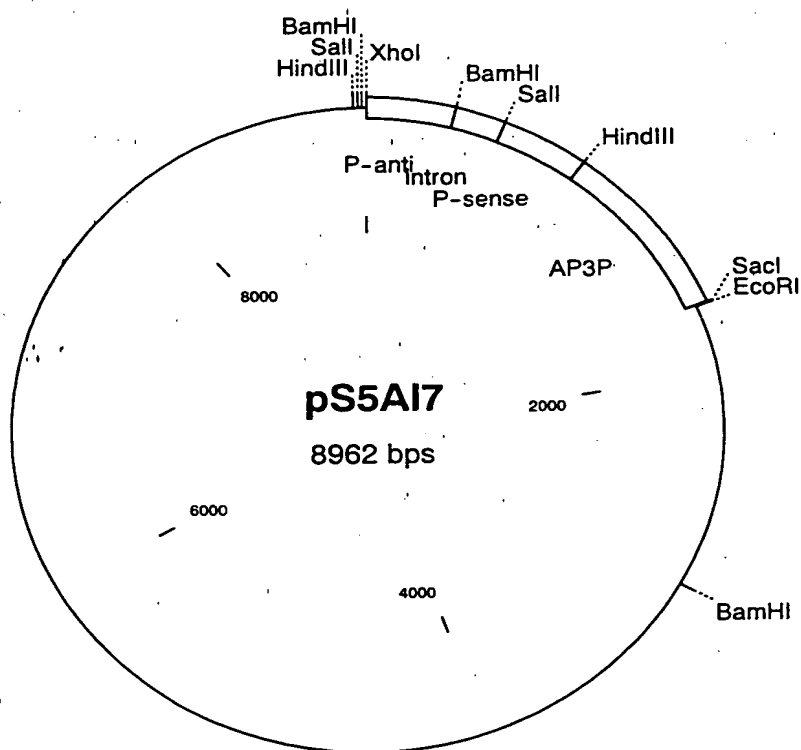
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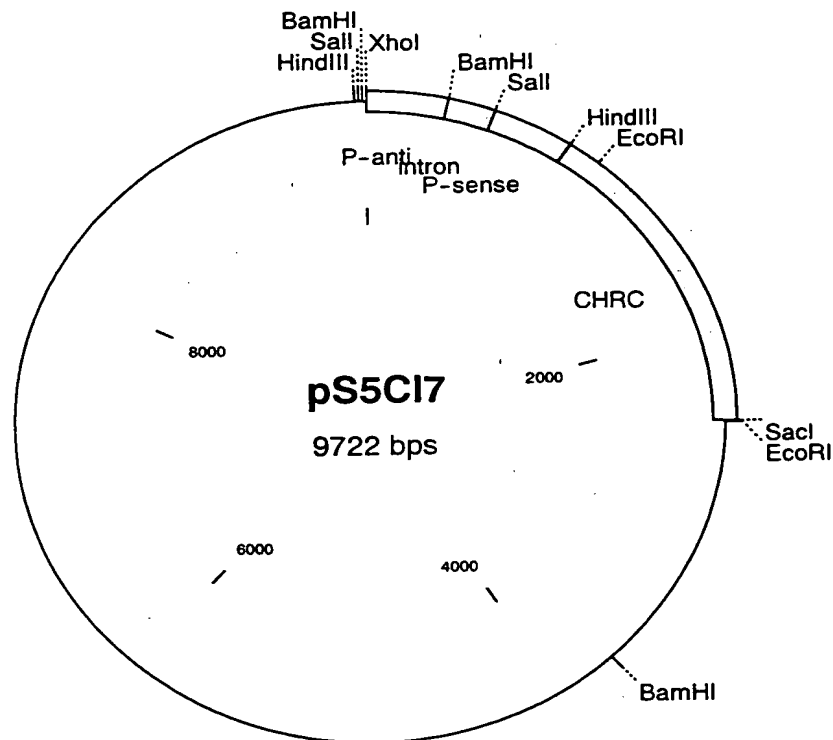
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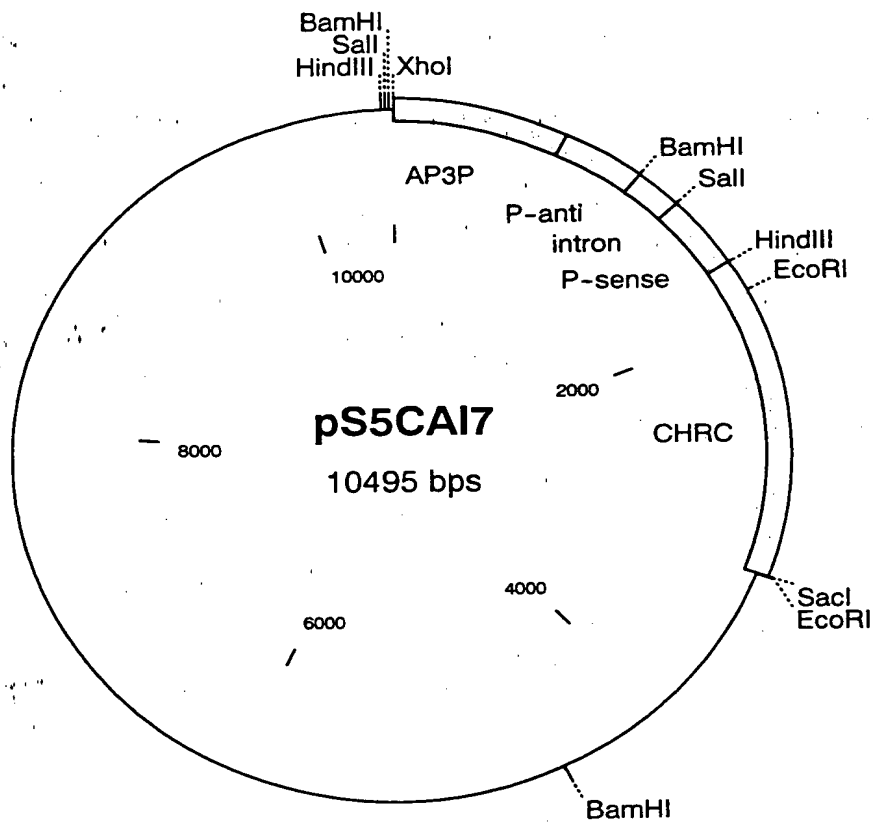
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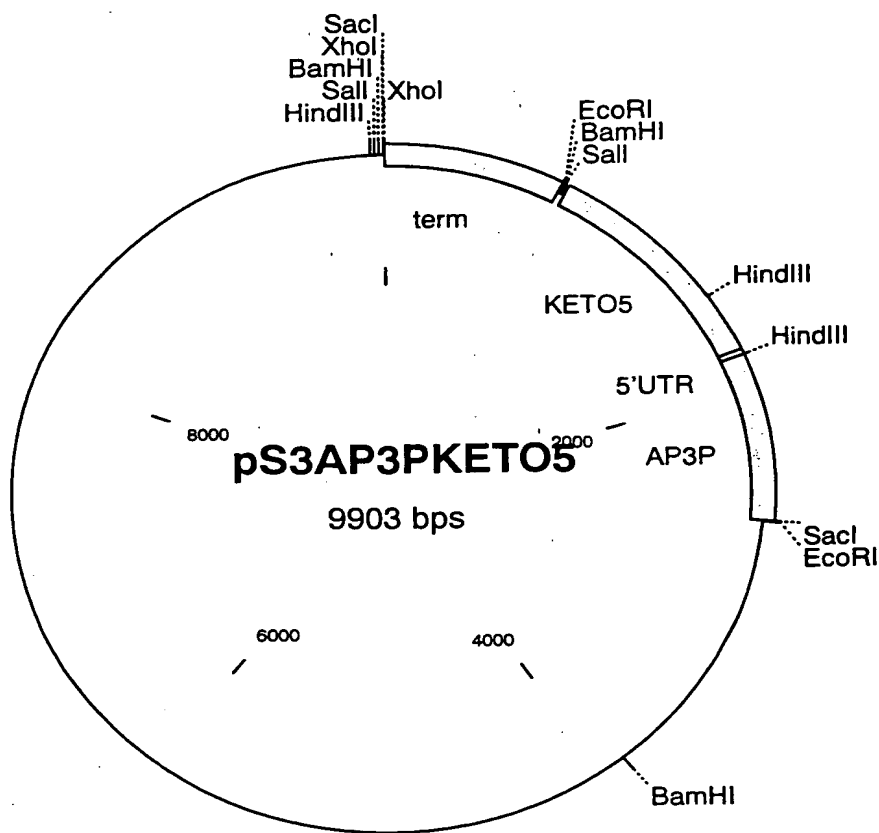
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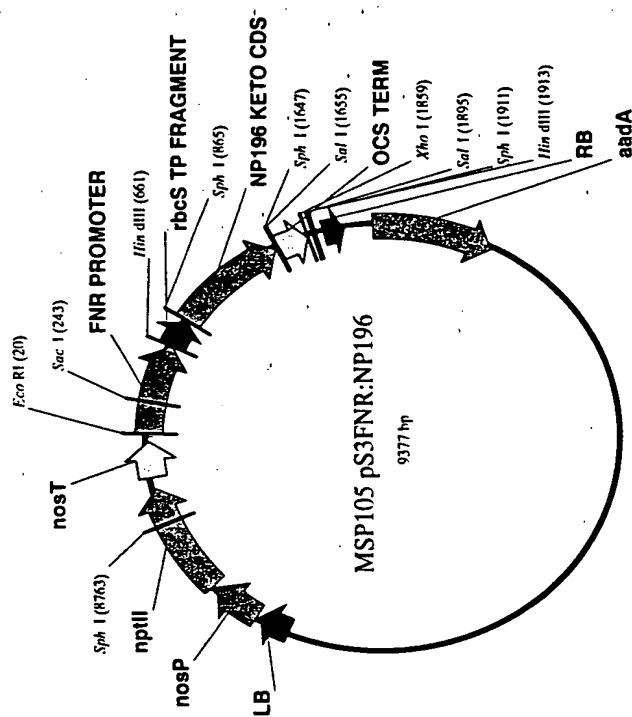
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Figure 21: Construct for the flower-specific overexpression of the ketolase (β -C-4-oxygenase) protein from *H. pluvialis* without heterologous transit peptide.



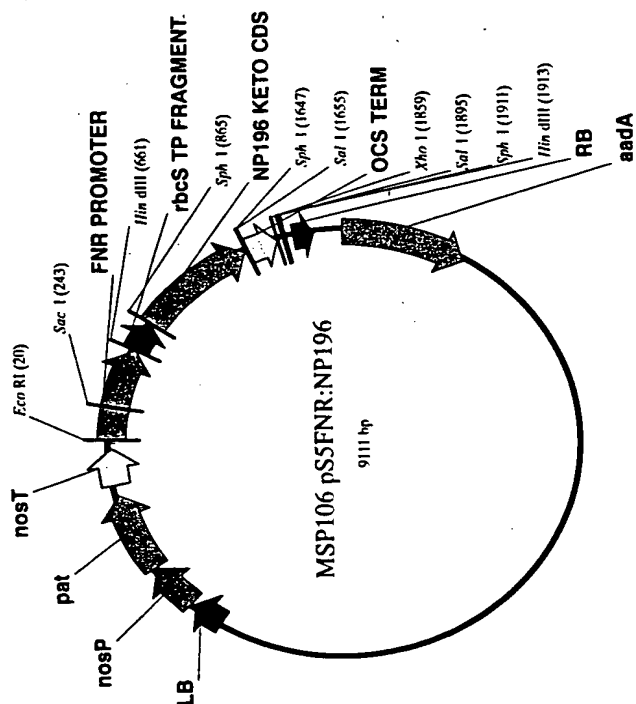
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Figure 22: pSUN3 construct for overexpressing the β -C-4-oxygenase protein NP196 from *Nostoc punctiforme* ATCC 29133 with rbcS transit peptide from pea under the control of the FNR promoter



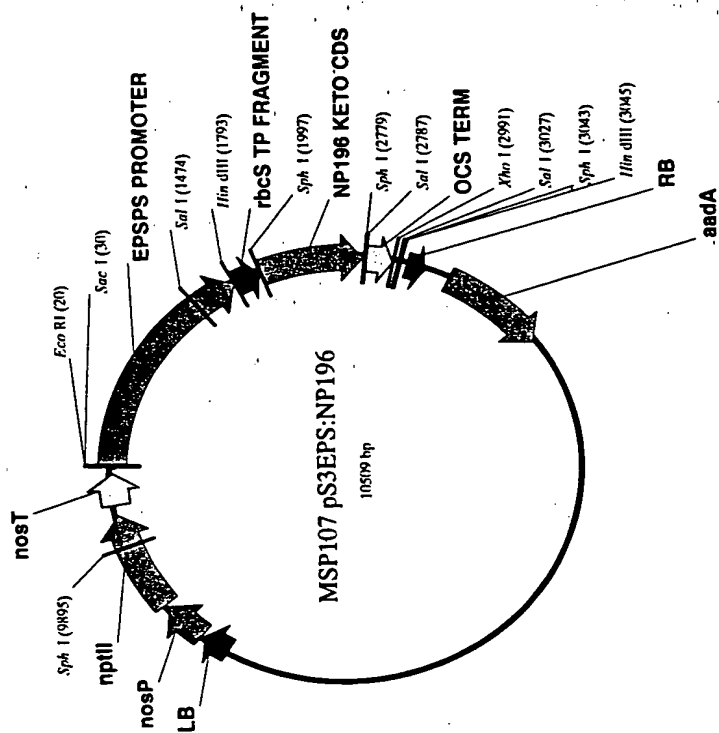
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Figure 23: pSUN5 construct for overexpressing the β -C-4-oxygenase protein NP196 from *Nostoc punctiforme* ATCC 29133 with rbcS transit peptide from pea under the control of the FNR promoter



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Figure 24: pSUN3 construct for overexpressing the β -C-4-oxygenase protein NP196 from *Nostoc punctiforme* ATCC 29133 with rbcS transit peptide from pea under the control of the EPSPS promoter



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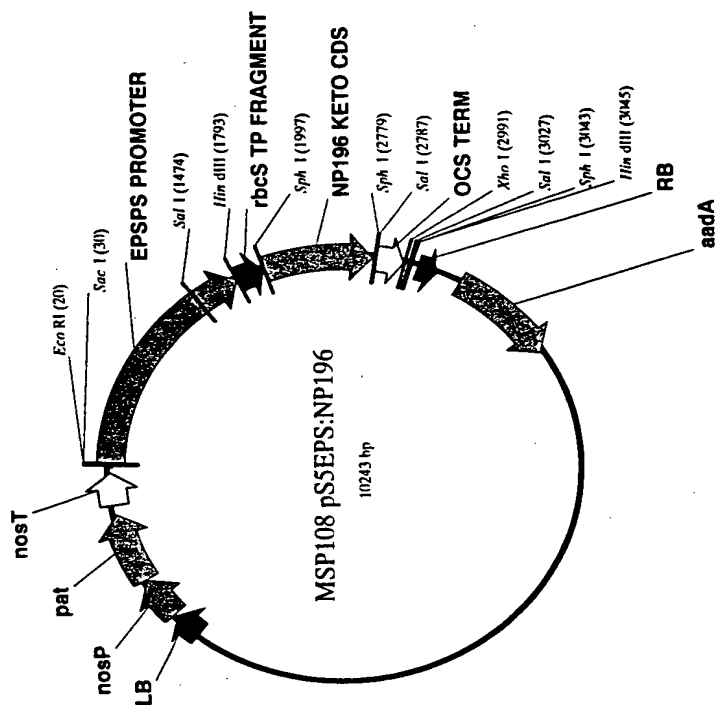
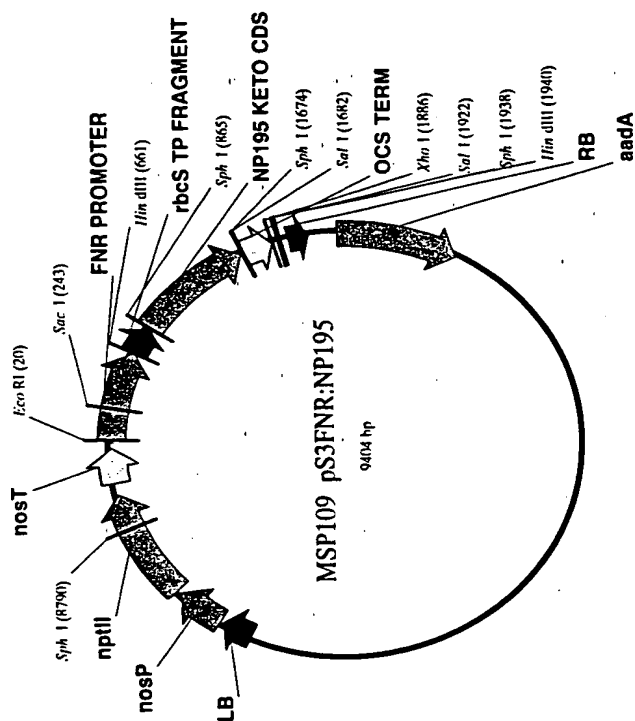
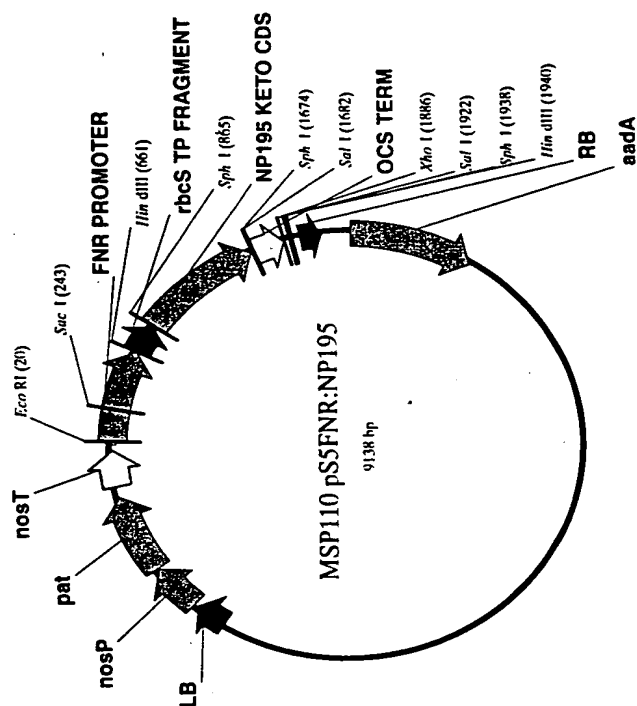


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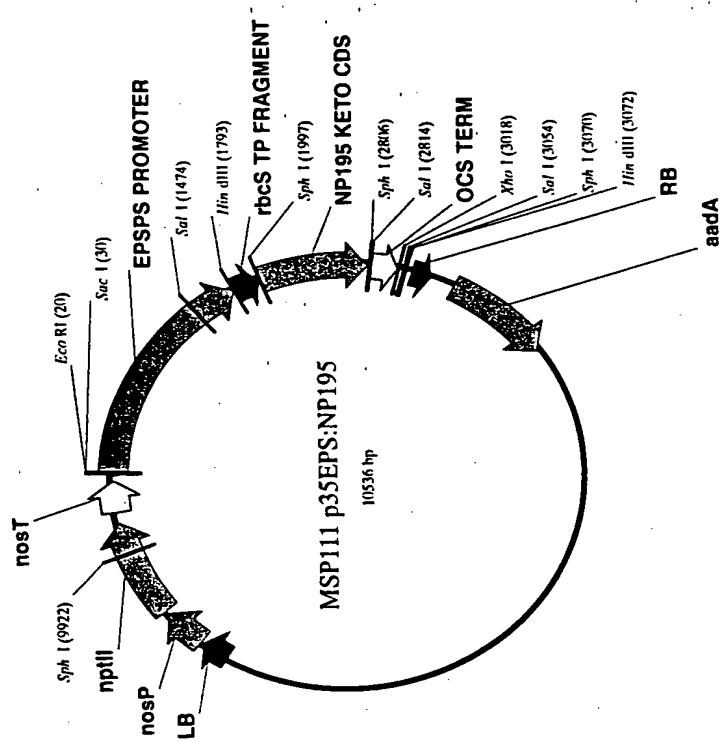
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Figure 27: pSUN5 construct for overexpressing the β -C-4-oxygenase protein NP195 from *Nostoc punctiforme* ATCC 29133 with rbcS transit peptide from pea under the control of the FNR promoter



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Figure 28: pSUN3 construct for overexpressing the β -C-4-oxygenase protein NP195 from *Nostoc punctiforme* ATCC 29133 with rbcS transit peptide from pea under the control of the EPSPS promoter



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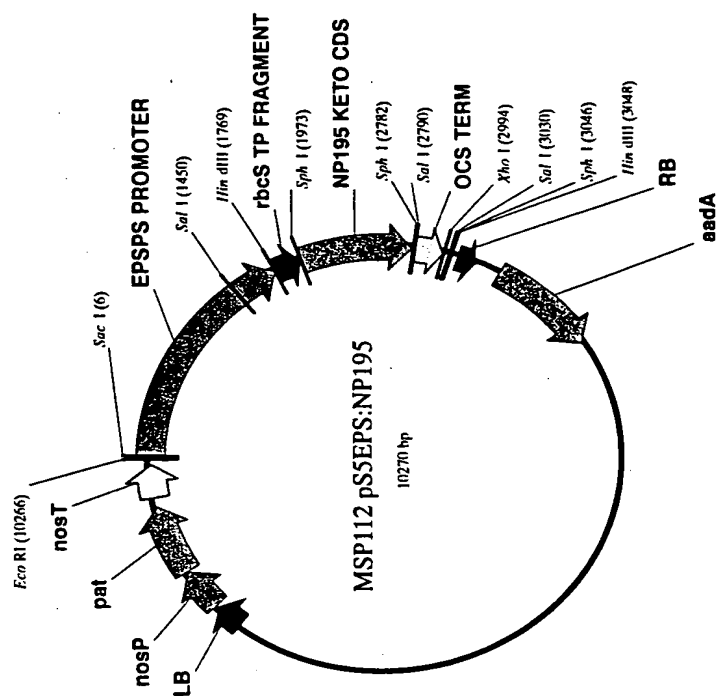


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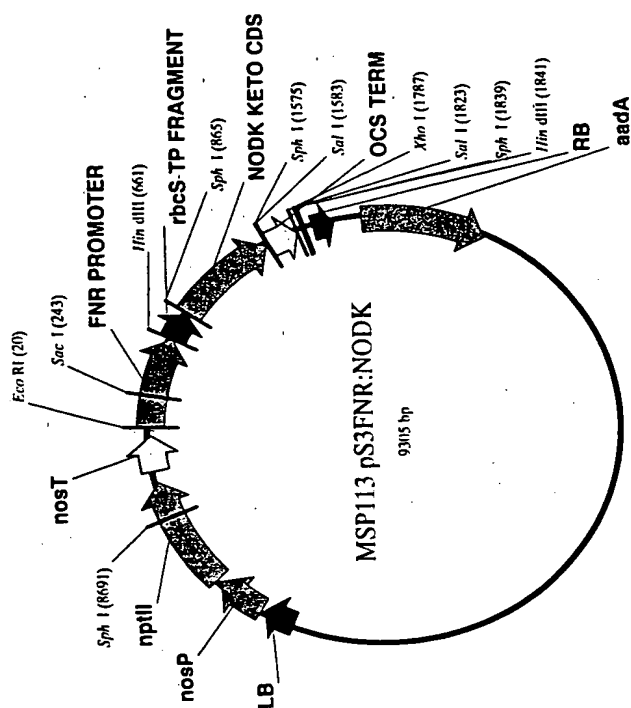
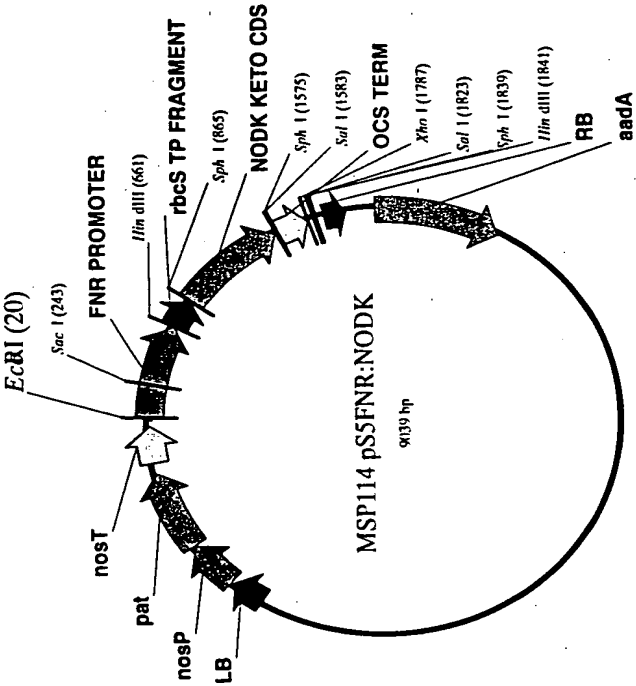


Figure 31: pSUN5 construct for overexpressing the β -C-4-oxygenase protein from *Nodularia spumigena* NSOR10 with rbcS transit peptide from pea under the control of the FNR promoter



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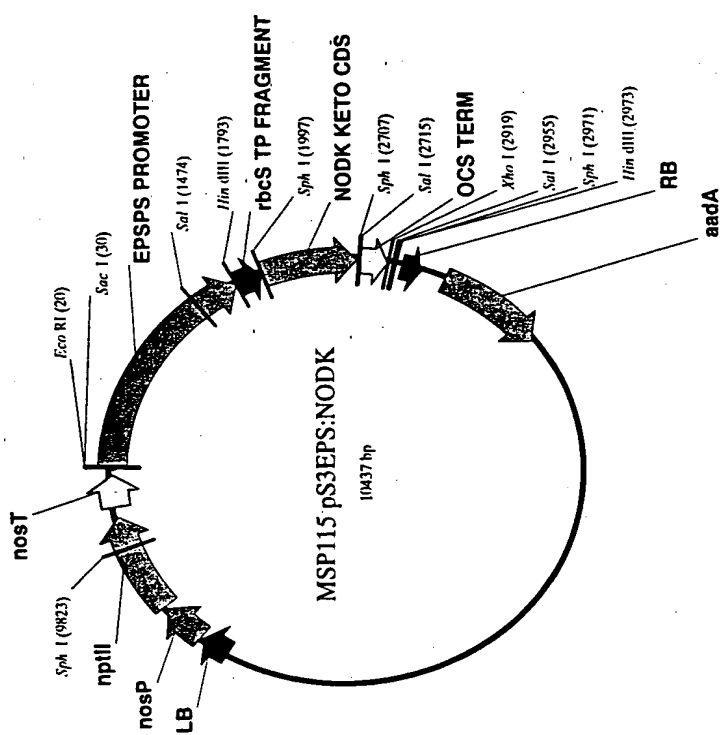


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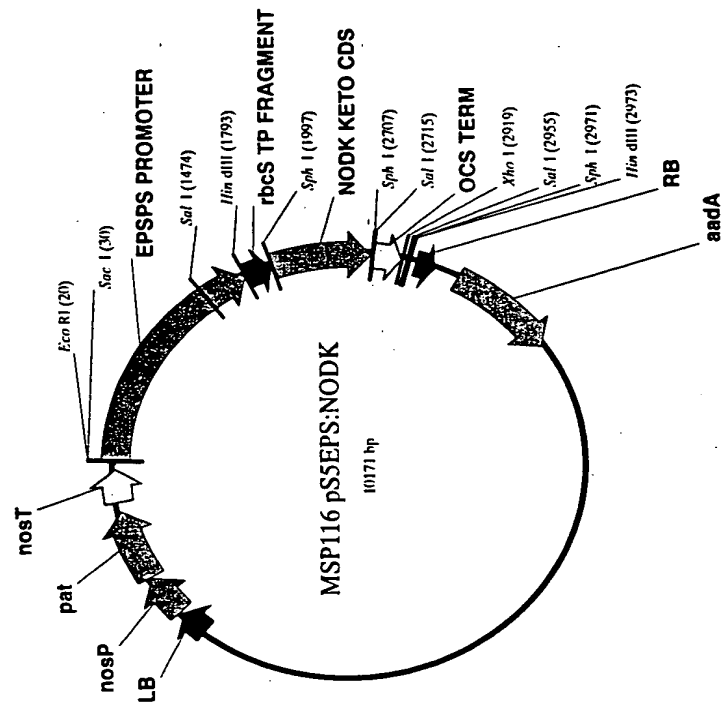
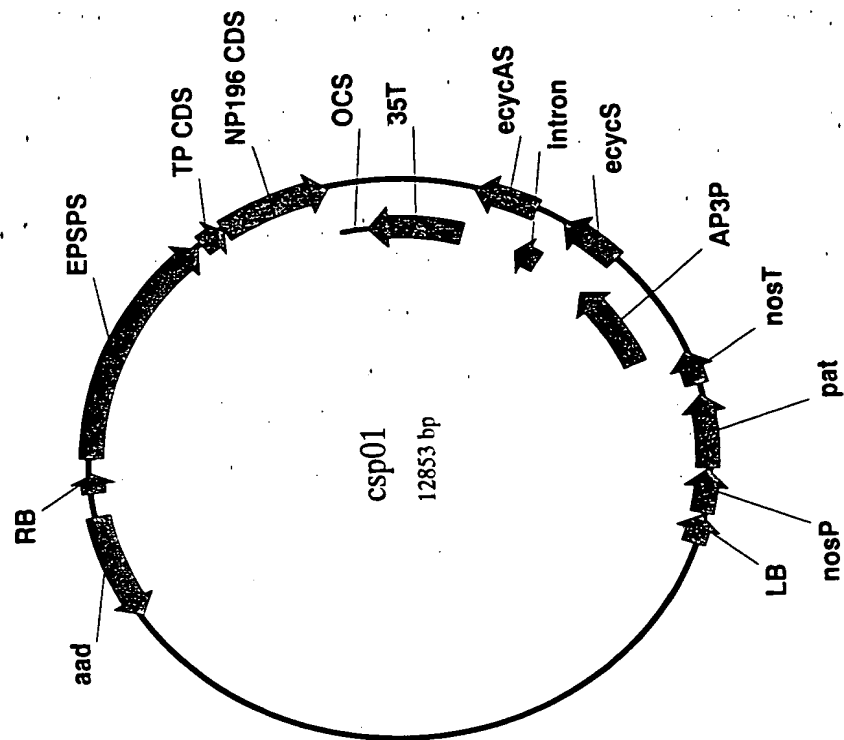
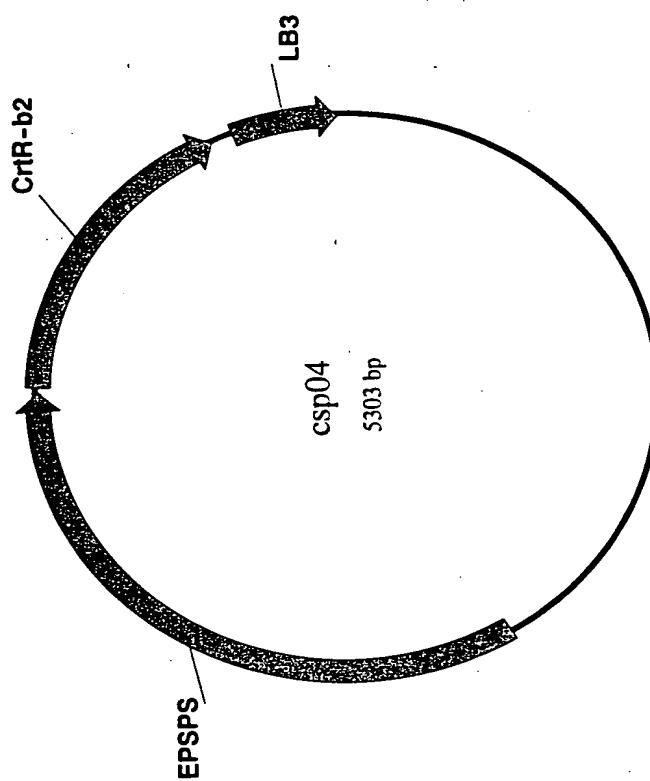


Figure 34: pSUN5 construct for overexpressing the β -C-4-oxygenase protein from *Nodularia spumigena* NSOR10 and downregulating the endogenous *Tagetes epsilon-cyclase* in *Tagetes erecta*



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Figure 35: Expression cassette for overexpressing the β -hydroxylase from tomato under the control of the EPSPS promoter



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Figure 36: Expression cassette for downregulating the endogenous β -hydroxylase from *Tagetes* under the control of the EPSPS promoter

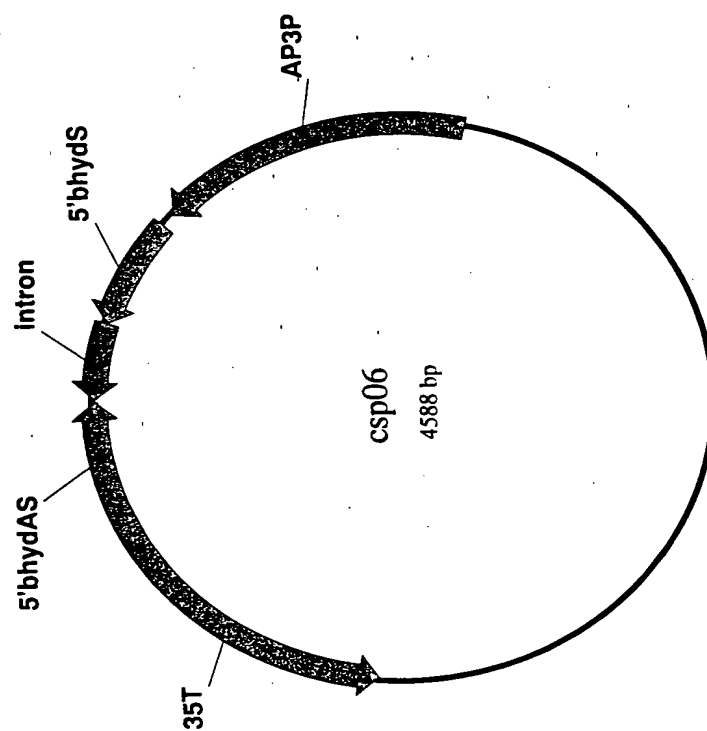


Figure 37: pSUN5 construct for downregulating the endogenous *Tagetes* epsilon-cyclase and overexpressing the NP196 ketolase and the tomato β -hydrolase

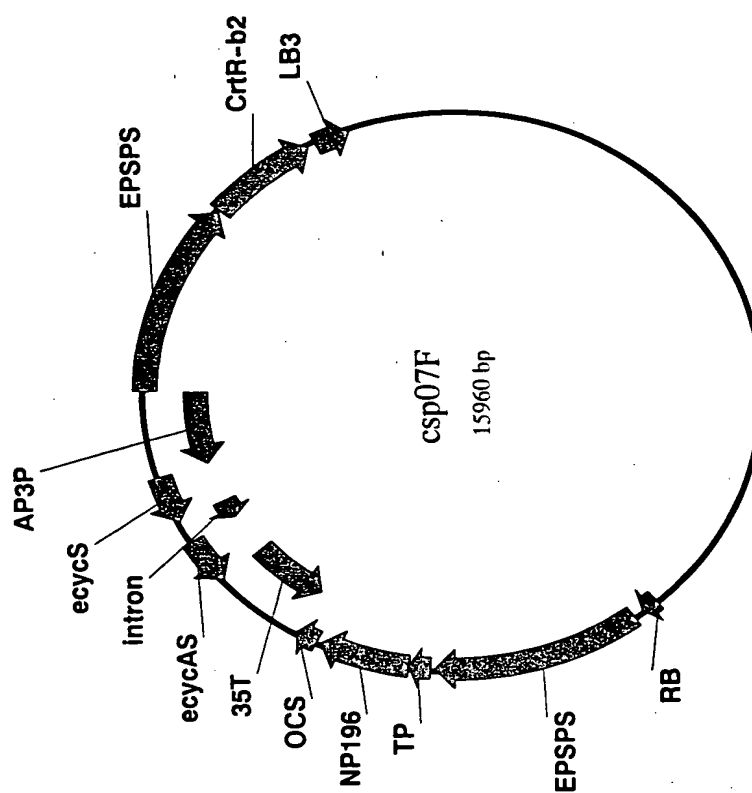


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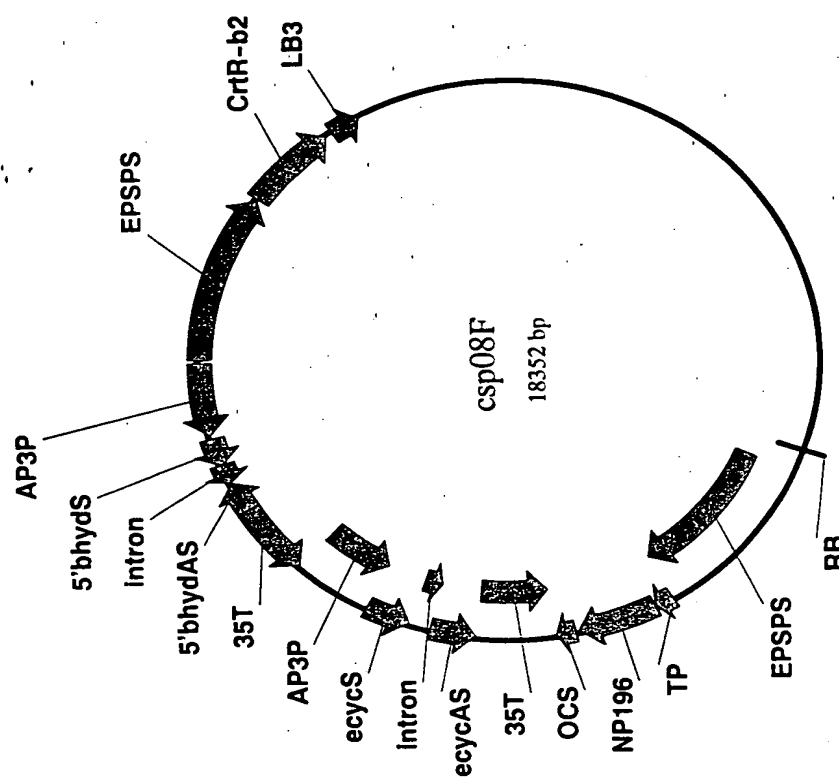
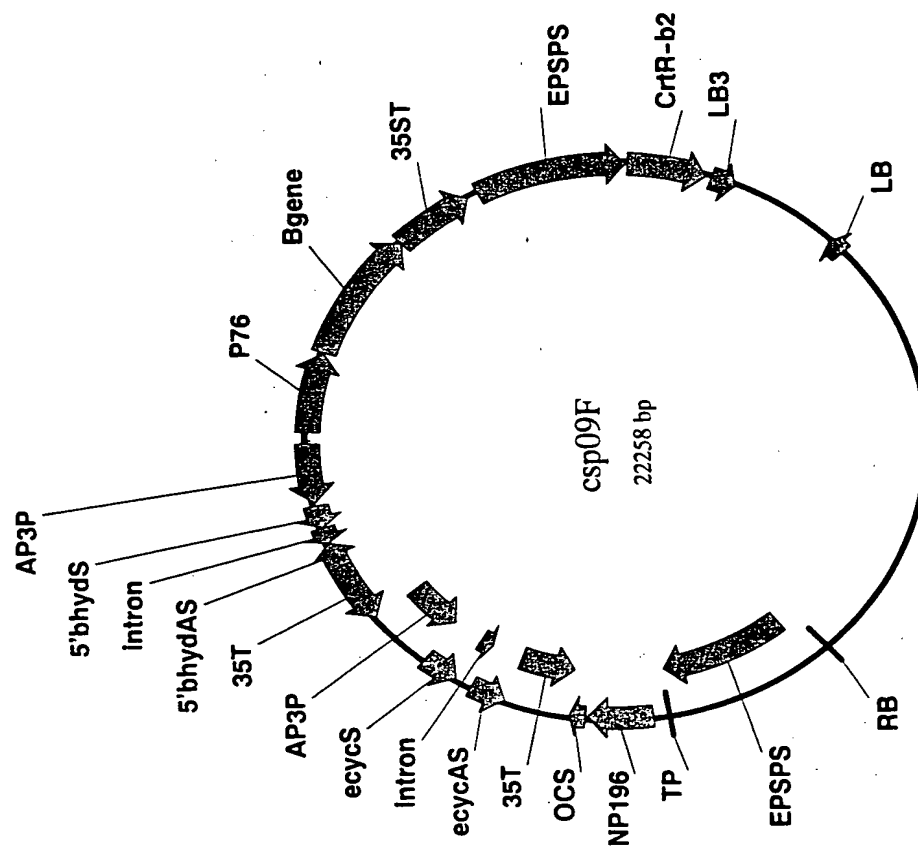
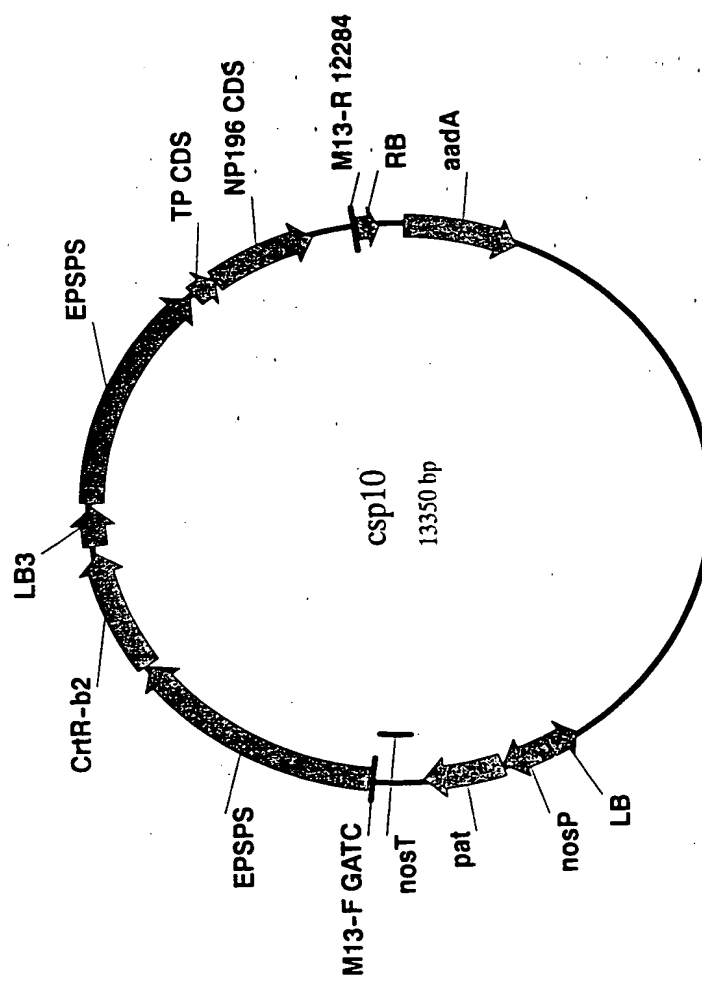


Figure 39: pSUN5 construct for downregulating the endogenous *Tagetes* epsilon-cyclase, downregulating the endogenous *Tagetes* β -hydroxylase and overexpressing the NP196 ketolase and the tomato β -hydroxylase and the B gene from tomato



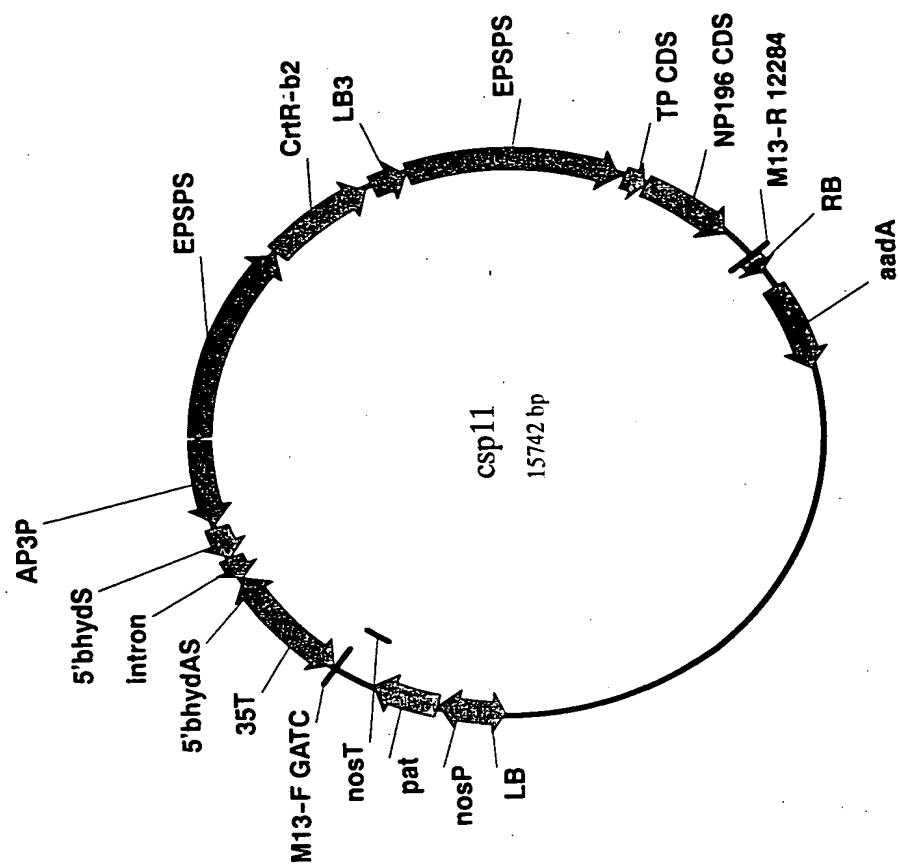
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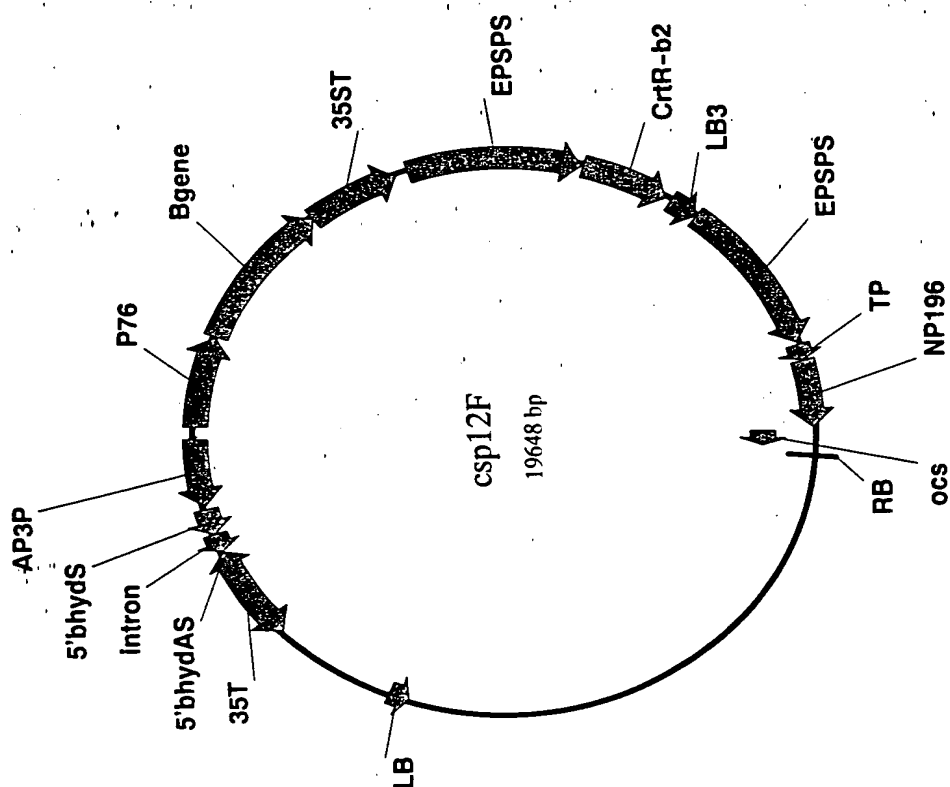
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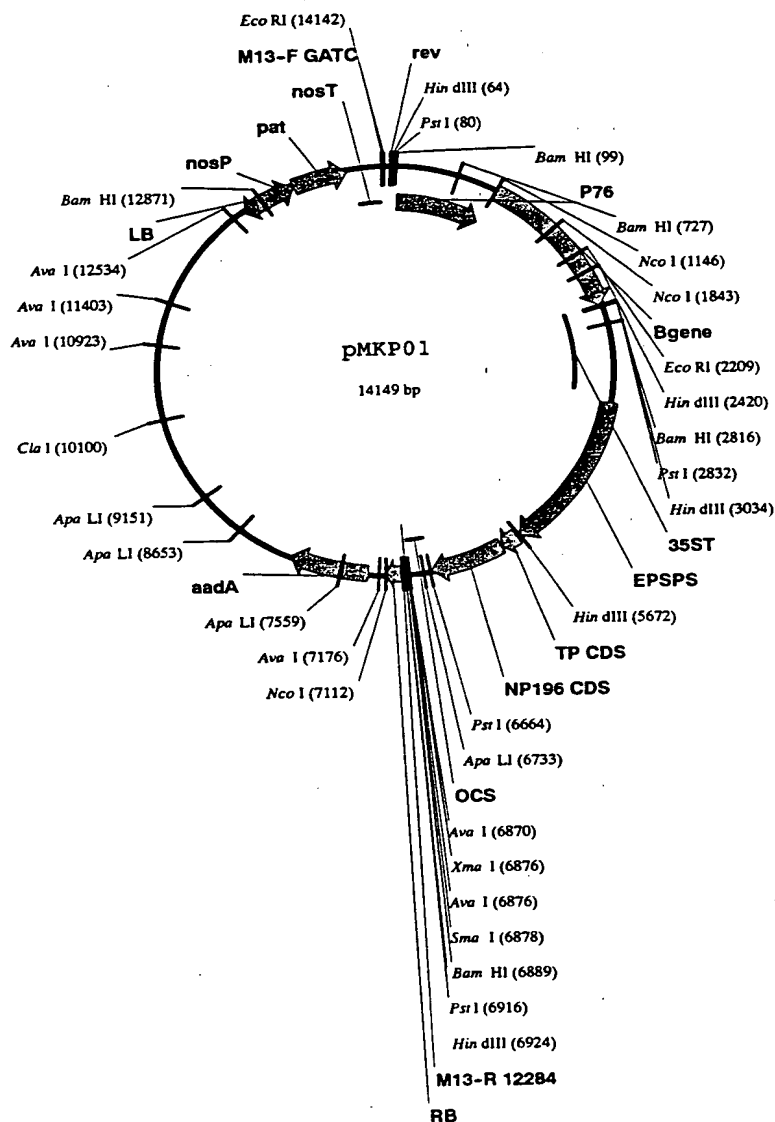
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Figure 42: pSUN5 construct for downregulating the endogenous Tagetes β -hydroxylase and for overexpressing the NP196 ketolase, the B gene and the tomato β -hydroxylase



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Figure 43: Expression vector for the flower-specific expression of the chromoplast-specific lycopene beta-cyclase from *Lycopersicon esculentum* under the control of the promoter P76 and for the flower-specific expression of the ketolase NP196 from *Nostoc punctiforme* ATCC 29133 under the control of the EPSPS promoter



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Figure 44: Expression vector for the flower-specific expression of the chromoplast-specific lycopene beta-cyclase from *Lycopersicon esculentum* under the control of the promoter P76, for the flower-specific expression of the ketolase NP196 from *Nostoc punctiforme* ATCC 29133 under the control of the EPSPS promoter and for the flower-specific production of dsRNA transcripts comprising 5'-terminal fragments of the epsilon-cyclase cDNA (AF251016) under the control of the AP3P promoter

